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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN TASMANIA.

This table summarizes the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in the following tables of this publication:—

| Period. | Employment—Tasmania (a). | | | | Wholesale Trade—Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts. | Building Permits, Hobart and Launceston (c). | Railways Gross Revenue. | Bank Clearings, Hobart and Launceston. (Weekly Averages). | P.M.G.'s Department Receipts (e). | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|------------|------------|---|---|-------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Estimated Total—All Employment. | Total—end of Month (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces). | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Males. | Females. | Total. | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | £'000. | £ | £ | £'000. | £ | | | | | |
| | | | | | (b) | (b) | (d) | | (b) | | | | | |
| | | | | | 725 | 48,320 | 37,456 | 881 | 39,053 | | | | | |
| 1938-39 .... .... .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | (b) | (b) | (d) | | | | | | | |
| 1939-40 | (f) 53,200 | (f) 37,400 | (f) 11,600 | (f) 49,000 | 748 | 54,350 | 41,239 | 986 | 40,225 | | | | | |
| 1940-41 .... .... .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 840 | 41,350 | 46,162 | 973 | 40,619 | | | | | |
| 1941-42 | (g) 66,462 | (g) 38,563 | (g) 14,799 | (g) 53,362 | 958 | 30,861 | 52,773 | 1,099 | 46,231 | | | | | |
| 1942-43 | (h) 64,747 | (h) 37,487 | (h) 15,760 | (h) 53,247 | 1,034 | 6,590 | 64,820 | 1,186 | 50,697 | | | | | |
| 1943-44 | (i) 61,619 | (i) 36,895 | (i) 16,194 | (i) 53,089 | 977 | 7,265 | 67,006 | 1,367 | 55,350 | | | | | |
| 1944-45 .... .... .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 960 | 12,252 | 69,236 | 1,494 | 58,582 | | | | | |
| 1943-44— | | (j) | (j) | (j) | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 37,120 | 16,567 | 53,687 | | 1,077 | 8,596 | 65,858 | 1,215 | 53,971 | | | | | |
| October | 37,298 | 16,799 | 54,097 | | 1,001 | 7,803 | 61,928 | 1,348 | 58,250 | | | | | |
| November | 37,695 | 17,160 | 54,855 | | 900 | 26,958 | 60,927 | 1,350 | 47,720 | | | | | |
| December | 37,911 | 16,660 | 54,571 | | 874 | 2,522 | 73,241 | 1,143 | 57,393 | | | | | |
| January | 37,784 | 16,619 | 54,403 | | 810 | 3,296 | 66,119 | 1,454 | 54,356 | | | | | |
| February | 38,411 | 16,982 | 55,393 | | 888 | 4,391 | 67,938 | 1,220 | 56,018 | | | | | |
| March | 38,625 | 17,139 | 55,764 | | 847 | 2,963 | 70,843 | 1,258 | 58,006 | | | | | |
| April | 38,829 | 17,192 | 56,021 | | 872 | 8,836 | 71,090 | 1,518 | 49,502 | | | | | |
| May | 38,787 | 16,970 | 55,757 | | 1,098 | 8,329 | 68,464 | 1,726 | 59,818 | | | | | |
| June | 38,923 | 16,947 | 55,870 | | 1,099 | 7,765 | 69,903 | 1,500 | 54,248 | | | | | |
| 1944-45— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 38,708 | 16,880 | 55,588 | | 1,173 | 13,039 | 56,690 | 1,604 | 56,292 | | | | | |
| August | 39,093 | 17,046 | 56,139 | | 1,028 | 11,697 | 64,464 | 1,413 | 60,167 | | | | | |
| September | 38,923 | 16,908 | 55,831 | | 1,055 | 8,076 | 67,322 | 1,472 | 56,673 | | | | | |
| October | 38,484 | 16,639 | 55,123 | | 842 | 17,101 | 66,587 | 1,554 | 60,137 | | | | | |
| November | 38,677 | 16,599 | 55,276 | | 886 | 6,575 | 63,420 | 1,297 | 54,569 | | | | | |
| December | 39,112 | 16,698 | 55,810 | | 845 | 12,171 | 78,148 | 1,343 | 55,863 | | | | | |
| January | 39,415 | 16,746 | 56,161 | | 867 | 18,204 | 64,587 | 1,569 | 63,412 | | | | | |
| February | 39,912 | 16,796 | 56,708 | | 810 | 11,446 | 74,090 | 1,325 | 62,962 | | | | | |
| March | 40,357 | 17,134 | 57,491 | | 864 | 8,722 | 69,774 | 1,471 | 56,311 | | | | | |
| April | 40,313 | 17,236 | 57,549 | | 827 | 16,260 | 75,660 | 1,708 | 57,709 | | | | | |
| May | 40,685 | 17,131 | 57,816 | | 1,124 | 15,222 | 69,749 | 1,508 | 60,490 | | | | | |
| June | 40,555 | 17,163 | 57,718 | | 1,113 | 8,516 | 75,310 | 1,599 | 58,396 | | | | | |
| 1945-46— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 40,675 | 17,111 | 57,786 | | 915 | 21,482 | 62,839 | 1,773 | 62,050 | | | | | |
| August | 40,303 | 17,036 | 57,339 | | 1,144 | 26,543 | 68,502 | 1,435 | 61,459 | | | | | |
| September | 40,305 | 16,729 | 57,034 | | 875 | 42,229 | 69,819 | 1,576 | 57,827 | | | | | |
| October | (k) | (k) | (k) | | 998 | 39,568 | 75,353 | 1,723 | 69,697 | | | | | |

(a) Wage and salary earners in employment, excluding employees in the Defence Forces at home and abroad.

(b) Monthly averages.

(c) Excludes Government buildings.

(d) Four-weekly averages.

(e) Actual collections.

(f) July, 1939, National Register.

(g) July, 1941.

(h) June, 1942.

(i) June, 1943, Civilian Register.

(j) Subject to revision.

(k) Not available.

TASMANIA: WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

| Month. | Total Employment(a) (excluding Rural, Household Domestic, and Defence Forces). | | | Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups. | | | | | | |
|----------------|--|---------------------------|--------|---|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Governmental Authorities. | Private Employers. (b) | Total. | Mining and Quarrying. | Factories. (c) | Allied Works Council Projects. | Transport and Communication. | Retail Trade. | Other Commerce and Finance. | Professional and Personal Service(d). |
| | MALES. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1941— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 10,182 | 28,381 | 38,563 | 2,902 | 12,284 | .... | 5,685 | 3,042 | 2,900 | 4,060 |
| November | 10,459 | 28,895 | 39,354 | 2,785 | 12,316 | .... | 6,048 | 3,036 | 2,819 | 4,076 |
| 1942— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 10,136 | 27,254 | 37,390 | 2,570 | 12,876 | 1,019 | 5,563 | 2,451 | 2,469 | 3,683 |
| 1943— | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 10,300 | 26,581 | 36,881 | 2,576 | 13,977 | 249 | 5,870 | 2,237 | 2,454 | 3,540 |
| August | 10,087 | 27,018 | 37,105 | 2,547 | 13,730 | 171 | 5,870 | 2,310 | 2,351 | 3,583 |
| December | 9,615 | 28,296 | 37,911 | 2,676 | 14,124 | 92 | 5,767 | 2,374 | 2,431 | 3,654 |
| 1944— | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 9,428 | 29,495 | 38,923 | 2,687 | 15,283 | 41 | 6,125 | 2,388 | 2,465 | 3,797 |
| July | 9,150 | 29,558 | 38,708 | 2,681 | 14,279 | 79 | 6,121 | 2,394 | 2,436 | 3,782 |
| August | 9,498 | 29,595 | 39,093 | 2,677 | 14,385 | 85 | 6,151 | 2,409 | 2,416 | 3,876 |
| 1945— | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 9,852 | 30,703 | 40,555 | 2,503 | 14,586 | 585 | 6,670 | 2,579 | 2,566 | 4,048 |
| July | 10,722 | 29,953 | 40,675 | 2,475 | 14,472 | 530 | 6,750 | 2,598 | 2,658 | 4,055 |
| August | 10,690 | 29,613 | 40,303 | 2,454 | 13,994 | 527 | 6,715 | 2,648 | 2,679 | 4,110 |
| FEMALES. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1941— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,297 | 12,502 | 14,799 | 12 | 3,957 | .... | 896 | 3,271 | 1,027 | 4,974 |
| November | 2,346 | 12,368 | 14,714 | 13 | 3,596 | .... | 895 | 3,386 | 993 | 5,018 |
| 1942— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,858 | 12,898 | 15,756 | 29 | 4,351 | .... | 881 | 3,416 | 1,233 | 5,065 |
| 1943— | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 3,237 | 12,984 | 16,221 | 25 | 4,954 | .... | 988 | 3,045 | 1,253 | 5,046 |
| August | 3,216 | 13,587 | 16,803 | 34 | 4,907 | .... | 958 | 3,229 | 1,292 | 5,406 |
| December | 3,675 | 12,985 | 16,660 | 34 | 5,108 | .... | 1,002 | 3,069 | 1,211 | 5,287 |
| 1944— | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 3,354 | 13,593 | 16,947 | 38 | 5,412 | .... | 1,003 | 3,083 | 1,159 | 5,357 |
| July | 3,331 | 13,549 | 16,880 | 36 | 4,960 | .... | 1,023 | 3,066 | 1,178 | 5,394 |
| August | 3,375 | 13,671 | 17,046 | 36 | 5,026 | .... | 1,033 | 3,043 | 1,189 | 5,484 |
| 1945— | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 3,292 | 13,871 | 17,163 | 37 | 4,652 | .... | 1,059 | 3,246 | 1,230 | 5,644 |
| July | 3,517 | 13,594 | 17,111 | 36 | 4,569 | .... | 1,059 | 3,284 | 1,244 | 5,625 |
| August | 3,514 | 13,522 | 17,036 | 36 | 4,383 | .... | 1,062 | 3,286 | 1,260 | 5,701 |
| PERSONS. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1941— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 12,479 | 40,883 | 53,362 | 2,914 | 16,241 | .... | 6,581 | 6,313 | 3,927 | 9,034 |
| November | 12,805 | 41,263 | 54,068 | 2,798 | 15,912 | .... | 6,943 | 6,422 | 3,812 | 9,094 |
| 1942— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 12,994 | 40,152 | 53,146 | 2,599 | 17,227 | 1,019 | 6,444 | 5,867 | 3,702 | 8,748 |
| 1943— | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 13,537 | 39,565 | 53,102 | 2,601 | 18,931 | 249 | 6,858 | 5,282 | 3,707 | 8,586 |
| August | 13,303 | 40,605 | 53,908 | 2,581 | 18,637 | 171 | 6,828 | 5,539 | 3,643 | 8,989 |
| December | 13,290 | 41,281 | 54,571 | 2,710 | 19,232 | 92 | 6,769 | 5,443 | 3,642 | 8,941 |
| 1944— | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 12,782 | 43,088 | 55,870 | 2,725 | 20,695 | 41 | 7,128 | 5,471 | 3,624 | 9,154 |
| July | 12,481 | 43,107 | 55,588 | 2,717 | 19,239 | 79 | 7,144 | 5,460 | 3,614 | 9,176 |
| August | 12,873 | 43,266 | 56,139 | 2,713 | 19,411 | 85 | 7,184 | 5,452 | 3,605 | 9,360 |
| 1945— | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 13,144 | 44,574 | 57,718 | 2,540 | 19,238 | 585 | 7,729 | 5,825 | 3,796 | 9,692 |
| July | 14,239 | 43,547 | 57,786 | 2,511 | 19,041 | 530 | 7,809 | 5,882 | 3,902 | 9,680 |
| August | 14,204 | 17,036 | 57,339 | 2,490 | 18,377 | 527 | 7,777 | 5,934 | 3,939 | 9,811 |

- (a) Based on Pay-roll tax returns and records of Government employment; excludes all employees in Defence Forces.
- (b) The estimated numbers of males in private employment in 1944 and 1945 may exclude some employees engaged on smaller buildings (houses, &c.) and in alterations and repairs to buildings.

- (c) From July, 1944, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.
- (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

TASMANIAN IMPORTS (OVERSEAS AND INTERSTATE) OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL GROUPS.

£'000 Australian Currency.

| Period. | Food and Drink. | Tobacco. (Inc. Cigars & Cigarettes.) | Chemicals, Drugs, and Fertilizers. | Drapery, Clothing, & Textiles. | Metals, Metal Manufactures & Machinery. | Oils. | Ores. | Wool. | Total Imports. |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|
| ANNUAL TOTALS. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1938-39 | 2,266 | 479 | 419 | 1,793 | 3,351 | 443 | 318 | 234 | 11,502 |
| 1939-40 | 2,629 | 473 | 468 | 2,017 | 3,273 | 576 | 334 | 308 | 12,484 |
| 1940-41 | 3,038 | 472 | 487 | 1,806 | 2,668 | 399 | 328 | 370 | 12,120 |
| 1941-42 | 2,946 | 598 | 590 | 1,893 | 3,061 | 548 | 413 | 686 | 13,192 |
| 1942-43 | 3,031 | 859 | 615 | 1,887 | 3,605 | 579 | 649 | 725 | 14,382 |
| 1943-44 | 2,734 | 928 | 683 | 1,945 | 3,789 | 565 | 689 | 687 | 14,391 |
| MONTHLY TOTALS. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1944-45— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 227 | 66 | 59 | 159 | 270 | 28 | 86 | 38 | 1,122 |
| August | 152 | 81 | 69 | 165 | 309 | 49 | 30 | 30 | 1,031 |
| September | 264 | 58 | 68 | 170 | 280 | 114 | 44 | 51 | 1,284 |
| October | 275 | 99 | 90 | 205 | 429 | 13 | 44 | 45 | 1,410 |
| November | 234 | 86 | 60 | 161 | 261 | 53 | 57 | 79 | 1,198 |
| December | 195 | 95 | 55 | 168 | 320 | 53 | 1 | 33 | 1,117 |
| January | 280 | 95 | 69 | 159 | 280 | 43 | 106 | 110 | 1,372 |
| February | 239 | 78 | 42 | 197 | 275 | 28 | 75 | 180 | 1,267 |
| March | 164 | 76 | 41 | 229 | 353 | 61 | 65 | 27 | 1,219 |
| April | 349 | 74 | 70 | 208 | 297 | 23 | 55 | 66 | 1,401 |
| May | 183 | 79 | 95 | 197 | 291 | 55 | 78 | 33 | 1,179 |
| Eleven months ended May, 1944 | 3,157 | 846 | 612 | 1,765 | 3,468 | 514 | 662 | 555 | 13,089 |
| Eleven months ended May, 1945 | 2,562 | 887 | 718 | 2,018 | 3,365 | 520 | 641 | 692 | 13,600 |

TASMANIAN EXPORTS (OVERSEAS AND INTERSTATE) OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL GROUPS.

£'000 Australian Currency.

| Period. | Fresh Fruit. (All Kinds.) | Potatoes. | Other Food and Drink. | Copper. | Zinc. | Other and Ores. | Timber. | Woollen Manufactures. | Total Exports. |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------|-------|-----------------------|---------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| ANNUAL TOTALS. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1938-39 | 1,529 | 974 | 2,504 | 568 | 1,368 | 763 | 571 | 922 | 12,233 |
| 1939-40 | 1,135 | 779 | 2,631 | 708 | 1,428 | 1,130 | 619 | 1,337 | 12,903 |
| 1940-41 | 481 | 581 | 2,855 | 737 | 1,433 | 1,071 | 779 | 2,163 | 13,586 |
| 1941-42 | 704 | 812 | 3,106 | 893 | 1,553 | 1,182 | 781 | 2,729 | 16,156 |
| 1942-43 | 522 | 956 | 3,065 | 1,109 | 1,421 | 1,276 | 836 | 2,391 | 16,225 |
| 1943-44 | 646 | 1,631 | 4,199 | 823 | 1,607 | 1,041 | 812 | 2,628 | 18,793 |
| MONTHLY TOTALS. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1944-45— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 72 | 155 | 421 | 47 | 112 | 70 | 57 | 242 | 1,989 |
| August | 23 | 190 | 344 | 19 | 163 | 123 | 52 | 205 | 1,865 |
| September | 17 | 206 | 361 | 86 | 153 | 89 | 49 | 336 | 1,631 |
| October | 70 | 69 | 502 | 76 | 236 | 58 | 37 | 179 | 1,556 |
| November | 12 | 28 | 521 | 101 | 94 | 157 | 57 | 406 | 1,743 |
| December | 29 | 280 | 95 | 24 | 215 | 55 | 55 | 278 | 1,325 |
| January | 1 | 153 | 368 | .... | 158 | 101 | 62 | 143 | 1,444 |
| February | 15 | 292 | 513 | 100 | 222 | 122 | 39 | 242 | 1,944 |
| March | 75 | 227 | 415 | 99 | 122 | 100 | 58 | 88 | 1,500 |
| April | 184 | 85 | 504 | .... | 186 | 87 | 61 | 258 | 1,821 |
| May | 86 | 186 | 622 | 90 | 178 | 83 | 45 | 96 | 1,909 |
| Eleven months ended May, 1944 | 521 | 1,468 | 3,866 | 743 | 1,454 | 976 | 816 | 2,355 | 17,107 |
| Eleven months ended May, 1945 | 555 | 1,620 | 4,851 | 713 | 1,648 | 1,205 | 572 | 2,473 | 18,727 |

RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE RATE INDEXES: HOBART.

| Period. | Retail Price Indexes—Hobart(a). | | | | | Commonwealth(b) Metropolitan Basic Wage(c). | Wage Rate Indexes, Hobart(a). | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| | Food and Groceries. | Rent, Four & Five Roomed Houses. | Clothing. | Miscellaneous. | "All Items, "C" Series. | | Nominal Weekly Wage, Adult Males. | "Real" Weekly Wage(f). |
| 1938-39 | 1031 | 992 | 1040 | 971 | 1012 | 77/- (d) | 987 | 975 |
| 1939-40 | 1062 | 1004 | 1084 | 994 | 1038 | 78/- (d) | 1005 | 968 |
| 1940-41 | 1102 | 1008 | 1274 | 1030 | 1100 | 84/- (d) | 1049 | 954 |
| 1941-42 | 1143 | 1008 | 1474 | 1085 | 1166 | 88/- (d) | 1124 | 964 |
| 1942-43 | 1217 | 1006 | 1699 | 1136 | 1248 | 94/- (d) | 1212 | 971 |
| 1943-44 | 1198 | 1005 | 1751 | 1150 | 1254 | 94/- (d) | 1290 | 1029 |
| 1944-45 | 1185 | 1008 | 1738 | 1146 | 1245 | 93/- (d) | 1296 | 1041 |
| 1944— | | | | | | | | |
| June Quarter | 1174 | 1005 | 1736 | 1144 | 1241 | 94/- | 1298 | 1046 |
| September Quarter | 1195 | 1006 | 1752 | 1146 | 1252 | 93/- | 1291 | 1031 |
| December Quarter | 1189 | 1008 | 1741 | 1145 | 1247 | 94/- | 1299 | 1042 |
| 1945— | | | | | | | | |
| March Quarter | 1173 | 1008 | 1741 | 1147 | 1242 | 94/- | 1298 | 1045 |
| June Quarter | 1181 | 1008 | 1718 | 1146 | 1239 | 93/- | 1296 | 1046 |
| September Quarter | 1206 | 1008 | 1714 | 1146 | 1248 | 94/- (e) | (g) | (g) |
| Increase per cent from 1938-39 | 17.0 | 1.6 | 64.8 | 18.0 | 23.3 | 22.1 | 31.3 | 7.3 |

(a) Base: Weighted average, six capitals, three years ended June, 1939 = 1000.

(b) No State basic wage declared; Commonwealth rates followed to a large extent.

(c) "Needs" Basic Wage plus "Prosperity Loading" of 4s.

(d) Payable as from 1st May.

(e) Payable as from 1st November.

(f) Index of nominal weekly rates for adult males divided by "C" Series index of retail prices.

(g) Not available.

AUSTRALIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES AND RETAIL PRICES INDEX OF FOUR TASMANIAN TOWNS.

| Period. | Wholesale Prices Indexes of Basic Materials and Foodstuffs(a). | | | Retail Prices Index (All Items "C" Series), Four Tasmanian Country Towns(a). | | | | |
|-----------|--|----------------------------------|-------------|--|---------|------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| | Goods Principally Imported(b). | Goods Principally Home-produced. | All Groups. | Launceston. | Burnie. | Devonport. | Queenstown. | Weighted Average, Four Towns. |
| 1938-39 | 991 | 1020 | 1011 | 994 | 982 | 963 | 1006 | 990 |
| 1939-40 | 1106 | 1025 | 1047 | 1015 | 1005 | 982 | 1030 | 1012 |
| 1940-41 | 1325 | 1060 | 1140 | 1077 | 1071 | 1048 | 1091 | 1075 |
| 1941-42 | 1525 | 1123 | 1242 | 1127 | 1122 | 1100 | 1136 | 1124 |
| 1942-43 | 1760 | 1212 | 1373 | 1210 | 1208 | 1176 | 1218 | 1202 |
| 1943-44 | 1824 | 1217 | 1396 | 1210 | 1217 | 1183 | 1236 | 1210 |
| 1944-45 | 1819 | 1231 | 1403 | 1204 | 1194 | 1174 | 1248 | 1203 |
| 1944-45— | | | | | | | | |
| October | 1821 | 1221 | 1397 | | | | | |
| November | 1831 | 1217 | 1398 | 1203 | 1194 | 1175 | 1250 | 1203 |
| December | 1834 | 1216 | 1398 | | | | | |
| January | 1822 | 1217 | 1396 | | | | | |
| February | 1830 | 1225 | 1404 | 1200 | 1188 | 1170 | 1245 | 1199 |
| March | 1824 | 1235 | 1408 | | | | | |
| April | 1835 | 1245 | 1419 | | | | | |
| May | 1795 | 1249 | 1410 | 1203 | 1190 | 1171 | 1247 | 1202 |
| June | 1790 | 1261 | 1417 | | | | | |
| 1945-46— | | | | | | | | |
| July | 1793 | 1262 | 1418 | | | | | |
| August | 1797 | 1262 | 1419 | 1210 | 1201 | 1179 | 1254 | 1209 |
| September | 1791 | 1259 | 1416 | | | | | |
| October | 1802 | 1250 | 1413 | | | | | |

(a) Base: Average three years ended June, 1939 = 1000.

(b) This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

(c) Revised from January, 1945.

(d) Not available.

BUILDING PERMITS: TASMANIA.

| Period. | Private Buildings. | | | | Government Buildings, Including Alterations and Additions. | | Total. | |
|------------------------|--------------------|---------|---|---------|--|---------|--------|---------|
| | New Dwellings. | | Other, Including Alterations and Additions. | | | | | |
| | No. | Value. | No. | Value. | No. | Value. | No. | Value. |
| HOBART. | | | | | | | | |
| ANNUAL TOTALS. | | | | | | | | |
| 1938-39 | 208 | 209,753 | 274 | 175,981 | 9 | 146,279 | 491 | 532,013 |
| 1939-40 | 203 | 201,029 | 191 | 210,223 | 11 | 35,088 | 405 | 446,340 |
| 1940-41 | 230 | 238,824 | 197 | 94,610 | 5 | 16,863 | 432 | 350,297 |
| 1941-42 | 143 | 168,138 | 119 | 76,822 | 7 | 24,888 | 269 | 269,848 |
| 1942-43 | 11 | 6,071 | 90 | 21,274 | 9 | 31,917 | 110 | 59,262 |
| 1943-44 | 14 | 7,499 | 138 | 46,566 | 5 | 3,467 | 157 | 57,532 |
| 1944-45 | 31 | 29,028 | 213 | 55,259 | 12 | 74,211 | 256 | 158,498 |
| MONTHLY TOTALS. | | | | | | | | |
| 1944-45— | | | | | | | | |
| April | 2 | 2,075 | 14 | 6,676 | 1 | 249 | 17 | 9,000 |
| May | 4 | 4,625 | 21 | 2,647 | 1 | 11,180 | 26 | 18,452 |
| June | 4 | 1,570 | 15 | 1,398 | .... | .... | 19 | 2,968 |
| 1945-46— | | | | | | | | |
| July | 5 | 5,654 | 13 | 8,443 | 1 | 154 | 19 | 14,251 |
| August | 12 | 13,642 | 20 | 4,826 | .... | .... | 32 | 18,468 |
| September | 16 | 16,215 | 25 | 5,932 | .... | .... | 41 | 22,147 |
| October | 12 | 13,752 | 23 | 10,229 | .... | .... | 35 | 23,981 |
| LAUNCESTON. | | | | | | | | |
| ANNUAL TOTALS. | | | | | | | | |
| 1938-39 | 174 | 128,751 | 295 | 65,357 | 1 | 2,148 | 470 | 196,256 |
| 1939-40 | 203 | 148,959 | 296 | 91,990 | 9 | 111,831 | 508 | 352,780 |
| 1940-41 | 143 | 106,436 | 258 | 56,330 | 3 | 5,373 | 404 | 168,139 |
| 1941-42 | 109 | 87,459 | 180 | 37,910 | 5 | 6,145 | 294 | 131,514 |
| 1942-43 | 25 | 13,925 | 152 | 37,815 | 4 | 6,888 | 181 | 58,628 |
| 1943-44 | 21 | 10,250 | 233 | 22,867 | 5 | 3,670 | 259 | 36,787 |
| 1944-45 | 52 | 36,169 | 232 | 26,574 | 11 | 26,208 | 295 | 88,951 |
| MONTHLY TOTALS. | | | | | | | | |
| 1944-45— | | | | | | | | |
| April | 8 | 6,477 | 14 | 1,032 | 1 | 862 | 23 | 8,371 |
| May | 4 | 4,009 | 28 | 3,941 | 4 | 9,918 | 36 | 17,868 |
| June ..... | .... | .... | 17 | 5,548 | .... | .... | 17 | 5,548 |
| 1945-46— | | | | | | | | |
| July | 7 | 5,257 | 18 | 1,974 | .... | .... | 25 | 7,231 |
| August | 7 | 6,247 | 30 | 1,828 | 1 | 500 | 38 | 8,575 |
| September | 18 | 18,421 | 22 | 1,661 | 1 | 8,000 | 41 | 28,082 |
| October | 13 | 12,843 | 32 | 2,744 | .... | .... | 45 | 15,587 |

NOTE.—Since December, 1940, various controls have been placed over construction of new buildings and additions and alterations to buildings. Until the cessation of hostilities with Japan a permit from the Department of War Organisation of Industry was required for new buildings or alterations in excess of £25. Ministerial authority now allows construction of new dwellings up to £1200 and housing repairs to £150 in any financial year without a permit from the Department of Works and Housing.

The permits shown above relate to building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under Government Building Control Regulations.

GOVERNMENT HOUSING PROGRAMME.

The progress of the Government Housing Programme in Tasmania is illustrated by the following figures supplied by the Agricultural Bank, which is administering the scheme:—

| Date. | Number of Houses Completed or in Course of Construction (a). | | | | | | Quota (a) for Tasmania. | Percentage of Quota. |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Hobart & Suburbs. | Launceston & Suburbs. | Burnie. | Devonport. | Somerset. | Tasmania. | | |
| At 30th June, 1945 | 114 | 18 | .... | 10 | 6 | 148 | 280 | 52.9 |
| At 30th Sept., 1945 | 193 | 48 | 15 | 29 | 6 | 291 | 350 | 83.1 |
| At 31st Oct., 1945 | 238 | 48 | 15 | 29 | 6 | 336 | (b) | (b) |
| At 30th Nov., 1945 | 291 | 48 | 25 | 29 | 6 | 399 | (b) | (b) |

(a) Since 1st April, 1944, from when first quota dated.

(b) Not available.

MISCELLANEOUS INDEXES OF TASMANIAN PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY.

| Period. | Paper Pulp (a). | Electricity for all Pur- poses except Traction. | Dairy Factory Production. | | Metals. | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|--|---------------------------|----------|---------|-------|-----------|
| | | | Butter. | Cheese. | Copper. | Zinc. | Gold. |
| | Tons. | '000 K.W.H. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | (b) | Fine Ozs. |
| MONTHLY AVERAGES. | | | | | | | |
| 1938-39 ... | 332 | 47,026 | 338.8 | 118.3 | 1,056 | 999 | 1,747 |
| 1939-40 ... | 1,183 | 51,237 | 346.3 | 116.2 | 1,108 | 1,042 | 1,605 |
| 1940-41 ... | 1,705 | 54,615 | 302.7 | 106.7 | 979 | 1,079 | 1,650 |
| 1941-42 ... | 3,268 | 60,235 | 299.8 | 114.2 | 952 | 1,083 | 1,591 |
| 1942-43 ... | 3,062 | 63,102 | 282.4 | 83.3 | 954 | 1,102 | 1,521 |
| 1943-44 ... | 3,089 | 65,913 | 272.5 | 87.6 | 923 | 1,153 | 1,394 |
| 1944-45 ... | 2,921 | 65,794 | (f) 296.0 | (f) 78.5 | 702 | 1,135 | 1,199 |
| MONTHLY TOTALS. | | | | | | | |
| 1944-45—July ... | 2,898 | 70,736 | 59.8 | 19.3 | 678 | 1,198 | |
| August ... | 3,172 | 72,539 | 98.2 | 33.8 | 576 | 1,216 | |
| September ... | 2,667 | 68,773 | 222.8 | 59.7 | 725 | 1,217 | |
| October ... | 2,957 | 64,309 | 468.4 | 118.5 | 1,114 | 1,187 | (d) 1,182 |
| 1945-46—July ... | 3,130 | 74,790 | 64.8 | 19.7 | 496 | 1,206 | |
| August ... | 3,075 | 73,834 | 102.9 | 31.3 | 561 | 1,225 | |
| September ... | 3,246 | 71,356 | 231.0 | 58.3 | 620 | 1,222 | |
| October ... | 3,428 | 71,084 | 477.3 | 111.2 | 671 | 1,236 | (e) |

(a) Ground wood pulp and chemical pulp; figures to be used as an index of production only.

(b) Index of production; average three years ended June, 1939 = 1000.

(c) Monthly average for September quarter.

(d) Monthly average for December quarter.

(e) Not available.

(f) Subject to revision.

TASMANIAN STATE RAILWAYS; MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

| Period. | State Railways. | | | | | Motor Vehicles on Register at End of Period (c). . | | | New Motor-Vehicles Registered During Period (c). | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|--|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| | Gross Revenue. | Working Costs (excluding Interest). | Train Miles Run. | Passenger Journeys. | Goods and Livestock Carried. | Motor-Cars. | Commercial Vehicles, &c. | Motor-Cycles. | | | | | |
| | | | | | | £ | £ | Daily Average. | Daily Average. | Tons. | No. | No. | No. |
| 1938-39 ... | (a) 37,456 | (a) 52,130 | 5,223 | 6,292 | (a) 64,885 | 17,668 | 5,036 | 3,656 | 3,060 | | | | |
| 1939-40 ... | 41,239 | 52,878 | 5,640 | 6,591 | 67,631 | 17,598 | 5,235 | 3,351 | 2,116 | | | | |
| 1940-41 ... | 46,162 | 58,544 | 5,938 | 7,650 | 73,502 | 17,337 | 5,458 | 3,179 | 1,002 | | | | |
| 1941-42 ... | 52,773 | 65,709 | 5,963 | 8,618 | 78,735 | 14,183 | 5,367 | 2,240 | 293 | | | | |
| 1942-43 ... | 64,820 | 74,188 | 6,075 | 9,106 | 75,506 | 15,834 | 5,503 | 2,450 | 164 | | | | |
| 1943-44 ... | 67,006 | 87,415 | 5,971 | 8,554 | 75,217 | 16,715 | 6,236 | 2,579 | 551 | | | | |
| 1944-45 ... | 69,236 | 77,423 | 6,031 | 8,933 | 71,079 | 17,043 | 6,862 | 2,814 | 331 | | | | |
| 1943-44—June ... | (b) 69,903 | (b) 88,330 | 5,992 | 9,708 | (b) 80,377 | 16,715 | 6,236 | 2,579 | 42 | | | | |
| 1944-45—July ... | 56,690 | 71,308 | 5,641 | 8,062 | 63,668 | 16,584 | 6,217 | 2,539 | 35 | | | | |
| Aug. ... | 64,464 | 75,865 | 6,005 | 7,622 | 75,961 | 16,843 | 6,346 | 2,586 | 44 | | | | |
| Sept. ... | 67,322 | 71,304 | 5,977 | 7,598 | 77,469 | 16,779 | 6,352 | 2,590 | 44 | | | | |
| Oct. ... | 66,587 | 75,824 | 5,898 | 10,696 | 77,512 | 16,889 | 6,417 | 2,608 | 30 | | | | |
| June ... | 75,310 | 93,052 | 6,217 | 9,367 | 71,259 | 17,043 | 6,862 | 2,814 | 25 | | | | |
| 1945-46—July ... | 62,839 | 78,626 | 6,125 | 8,550 | 71,570 | 17,181 | 7,002 | 2,899 | 25 | | | | |
| Aug. ... | 68,502 | 82,650 | 6,223 | 7,463 | 69,963 | 17,073 | 6,983 | 2,904 | 30 | | | | |
| Sept. ... | 69,819 | 82,864 | 6,093 | 11,197 | 72,973 | 17,083 | 7,040 | 2,925 | 17 | | | | |
| Oct. ... | 75,353 | 82,932 | (e) | (e) | 72,281 | 17,213 | 7,147 | 2,954 | (d) 29 | | | | |

(a) Four-weekly averages.

(d) Motor-cars 4; commercial vehicles 25.

(e) Not available.

(b) Four-weekly periods.

(c) Excluding Defence Service vehicles.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND BANKING STATISTICS—TASMANIA.

| Period. | Consolidated Revenue. | | Trading Banks. (Including Commonwealth Bank.) | | Bank Clearings— Weekly Averages (c). | | Savings Banks Deposits (d). | | War Savings Certificates— Net Amounts Subscribed. (e) |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|---|---------------|---|-------------|---|--|---|
| | Receipts. | Expenditure. | Deposits (b). | Advances (b). | Hobart. | Launceston. | Hobart and Launceston Savings Banks. | Total (including Common- wealth Savings Bank.). | |
| | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | £ |
| 1938-39 | 3,615 | 3,641 | 10,045 | 4,648 | 623 | 258 | 6,038 | 8,396 | ... |
| 1939-40 | 3,055 | 3,053 | 10,068 | 4,872 | 697 | 289 | 6,220 | 8,518 | 92,602 |
| 1940-41 | 2,922 | 3,103 | 10,281 | 4,612 | 672 | 301 | 6,518 | 8,941 | 469,131 |
| 1941-42 | 3,359 | 3,357 | (f) 11,180 | 4,052 | 731 | 368 | 6,767 | 9,472 | 744,146 |
| 1942-43 | 3,290 | 3,400 | 13,528 | 3,644 | 813 | 373 | 7,632 | 11,174 | 971,531 |
| 1943-44 | 3,499 | 3,469 | 16,221 | 3,570 | 943 | 424 | 9,399 | 14,213 | 1,111,922 |
| 1944-45 | 3,656 | 3,675 | 18,412 | 3,456 | 1,032 | 462 | 10,907 | 16,914 | 1,254,804 |
| 1944-45—July | 198 | 180 | 16,418 | 3,641 | 1,132 | 472 | 9,531 | 14,499 | 1,122,924 |
| Aug. | 218 | 222 | | | 981 | 432 | 9,822 | 14,878 | 1,134,399 |
| Sept. | 317 | 297 | | | 1,021 | 451 | 9,948 | 15,106 | 1,146,654 |
| Oct. | 233 | 315 | (g) 17,015 | (g) 3,562 | 1,093 | 461 | 9,991 | 15,199 | 1,160,143 |
| 1945-46—July | 241 | 178 | ... | ... | 1,264 | 509 | 11,056 | 17,193 | 1,263,702 |
| Aug. | 225 | 258 | ... | ... | 1,004 | 431 | 11,350 | 17,617 | 1,269,721 |
| Sept. | 319 | 275 | (h) 16,011 | (h) 3,416 | 1,110 | 466 | 11,475 | 17,871 | 1,273,427 |
| Oct. | (a) 281 | (a) 331 | 16,198 | 3,480 | 1,187 | 536 | 11,529 | 18,027 | 1,273,817 |

(a) Surplus for four months ended October, 1945, £23,410, compared with a deficit of £48,341 for the corresponding period in 1944.

(b) Average for quarter or month.

(c) Figures not exhaustive as cheques deposited in banks on which they are drawn are not included.

(d) At end of period.

(e) Net amounts subscribed at end of each period.

(f) June quarter.

(g) December quarter.

(h) Monthly figures available as from September, 1945.

INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

| Period. | Commonwealth Government Securities. | | Mortgage Rate on Hobart Savings Bank Advances. | Treasury Bills. | Hobart Savings Bank Deposits. | Trading Banks: Interest on Fixed Deposits. | | | | | | |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------|------------|------------|--|--|--|
| | Taxed at Current Commonwealth Rates. | | | | | 3 Months. | 6 Months. | 12 Months. | 24 Months. | | | |
| | Short Dated, 2 Years. (a) | Long Dated, 12 Years. (a) | | | | % | % | % | % | | | |
| 1938-39 | ... | ... | 4.25 | 1.75 | 3.00 | 2.00 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 | | | |
| 1939-40 | ... | ... | 4.25 | 1.71 | 3.00 | 1.90 | 2.40 | 2.60 | 2.90 | | | |
| 1940-41 | ... | ... | 4.25 | 1.50 | 2.75 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 2.25 | 2.50 | | | |
| 1941-42 | 2.40 | 3.24 | 4.25 | 1.50 | 2.25 | 1.43 | 1.73 | 1.98 | 2.23 | | | |
| 1942-43 | 2.48 | 3.24 | 4.00 | 1.50 | 2.25 | 1.25 | 1.50 | 1.75 | 2.00 | | | |
| 1943-44 | 2.45 | 3.24 | 4.00 | 1.34 | 2.25 | 1.13 | 1.39 | 1.64 | 2.00 | | | |
| 1944-45 | 2.47 | 3.25 | 4.00 | 1.17 | 2.25 | 0.55 | 0.80 | 1.28 | 1.78 | | | |
| 1944-45— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 2.48 | 3.24 | 4.00 | 1.25 | 2.25 | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.25 | 1.75 | | | |
| November | 2.48 | 3.24 | 4.00 | 1.25 | 2.25 | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.25 | 1.75 | | | |
| December | 2.49 | 3.24 | 4.00 | 1.25 | 2.25 | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.25 | 1.75 | | | |
| January | 2.48 | 3.24 | 4.00 | 1.25 | 2.25 | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.25 | 1.75 | | | |
| February | 2.46 | 3.25 | 4.00 | 1.25 | 2.25 | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.25 | 1.75 | | | |
| March | 2.48 | 3.25 | 4.00 | 1.00 | 2.25 | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.25 | 1.75 | | | |
| April | 2.49 | 3.25 | 4.00 | 1.00 | 2.25 | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.25 | 1.75 | | | |
| May | 2.49 | 3.25 | 4.00 | 1.00 | 2.25 | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.25 | 1.75 | | | |
| June | 2.49 | 3.25 | 4.00 | 1.00 | 2.25 | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.25 | 1.75 | | | |
| 1945-46— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 2.49 | 3.25 | 4.00 | 1.00 | 2.25 | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.25 | 1.75 | | | |
| August | 2.49 | 3.25 | 4.00 | 1.00 | 2.25 | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.25 | 1.75 | | | |
| September | 2.48 | 3.25 | 4.00 | 1.00 | 2.25 | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.25 | 1.75 | | | |
| October | 2.48 | 3.24 | 4.00 | 1.00 | 2.25 | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.25 | 1.75 | | | |

(a) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5 years and 10 or more years respectively.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS—TASMANIA.

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

| Month. | Total Consideration of Property Sales. | | | Amount of Mortgages. | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | | Registered. | | | Discharged. | | |
| | 1939. | 1944. | 1945. | 1939. | 1944. | 1945. | 1939. | 1944. | 1945. |
| January | £ 82,234 | £ 153,685 | £ 156,398 | £ 157,620 | £ 105,397 | £ 66,101 | £ 44,457 | £ 72,134 | £ 112,084 |
| February | 143,738 | 168,264 | 184,818 | 126,995 | 179,025 | 61,920 | 64,095 | 125,572 | 103,890 |
| March | 283,934 | 204,535 | 210,548 | 196,745 | 56,877 | 79,709 | 110,246 | 123,037 | 108,988 |
| April | 160,717 | 154,746 | 151,108 | 108,259 | 64,685 | 59,920 | 72,178 | 86,638 | 66,468 |
| May | 311,231 | 173,860 | 223,477 | 201,036 | 69,069 | 96,197 | 175,359 | 124,415 | 141,306 |
| June | 231,155 | 168,913 | 204,364 | 151,425 | 79,909 | 99,059 | 104,180 | 81,428 | 128,386 |
| July | 190,696 | 202,074 | 260,588 | 195,509 | 135,072 | 150,725 | 116,691 | 135,873 | 122,588 |
| August | 298,731 | 213,368 | 220,030 | 213,837 | 73,578 | 127,882 | 126,336 | 101,749 | 141,524 |
| September | 271,609 | 188,278 | 219,297 | 162,223 | 93,318 | 97,531 | 136,906 | 73,354 | 111,855 |
| October | 198,112 | 121,531 | 269,082 | 174,826 | 54,716 | 139,656 | 77,829 | 109,363 | 119,656 |
| November | 172,051 | 197,843 | ... | 139,186 | 67,740 | ... | 89,105 | 97,594 | ... |
| December | 125,567 | 151,134 | ... | 98,026 | 58,282 | ... | 42,003 | 99,356 | ... |
| Year | £ 2,469,775 | £ 2,098,231 | ... | £ 1,925,687 | £ 1,037,668 | ... | £ 1,159,385 | £ 1,230,513 | ... |
| Ten mths. ended October | £ 2,172,157 | £ 1,749,254 | £ 2,099,710 | £ 1,688,475 | £ 911,646 | £ 978,700 | £ 1,028,277 | £ 1,033,563 | £ 1,156,745 |

POST-OFFICE ACTIVITY—TASMANIA.

| Period. | Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department(a). | Broadcast Listeners' Licences in Force at end of Period. | Telephone Services Connected at End of Period. | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--------------|
| | | | Lines. | Instruments. |
| | £ | No. | No. | No. |
| Monthly Averages. | | | | |
| 1938-39 | 39,053 | 39,392 | 14,144 | 18,013 |
| 1939-40 | 40,225 | 42,182 | 14,695 | 18,882 |
| 1940-41 | 40,619 | 44,716 | 15,190 | 19,565 |
| 1941-42 | 46,231 | 46,404 | 15,443 | 20,171 |
| 1942-43 | 50,697 | (b) 49,910 | 15,702 | 20,690 |
| 1943-44 | 55,350 | 50,356 | 16,106 | 21,204 |
| 1944-45 | 58,582 | 50,557 | 16,926 | 22,135 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | |
| 1944-45— October | 60,137 | 50,338 | 16,320 | 21,429 |
| November | 54,569 | 50,260 | 16,336 | 21,437 |
| December | 55,863 | 50,058 | 16,387 | 21,498 |
| January | 63,412 | 50,319 | 16,481 | 21,599 |
| February | 62,962 | 50,263 | 16,587 | 21,713 |
| March | 56,311 | 50,163 | 16,635 | 21,766 |
| April | 57,709 | 50,831 | 16,762 | 21,914 |
| May | 60,490 | 50,706 | 16,834 | 22,002 |
| June | 58,396 | 50,557 | 16,926 | 22,135 |
| 1945-46— July | 62,050 | 50,813 | 16,993 | 22,233 |
| August | 61,459 | 50,668 | 17,134 | 22,419 |
| September | 57,827 | 50,259 | 17,190 | 22,488 |
| October | 69,697 | 50,505 | 17,286 | 22,628 |

(a) Actual collections.

(b) Since July, 1942, licences for receivers in excess of one are included.

RAINFALL OF TASMANIA IN DISTRICTS.

Index showing Ratio of Actual to Normal(a) Rainfall for each Month.

| Month. | Agriculture, Dairying, and Mixed Farming. | | Grazing (mainly Sheep). | | Orcharding and Mixed Farming. | | Dairy Farming. | Mining. |
|--------------------|--|----------|-------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | Northern. | King Is. | Central Plateau. | Midlands. | Derwent Valley. | South-East. | East Coast. | West Coast. |
| 1944— | | | | | | | | |
| May | 126 | 130 | 88 | 116 | 96 | 123 | 285 | 83 |
| June | 42 | 60 | 111 | 43 | 146 | 81 | 15 | 135 |
| July | 134 | 108 | 150 | 205 | 89 | 61 | 155 | 110 |
| August | 41 | 35 | 50 | 40 | 56 | 55 | 59 | 67 |
| September | 74 | 63 | 91 | 83 | 102 | 124 | 85 | 123 |
| October | 94 | 130 | 115 | 100 | 133 | 137 | 82 | 87 |
| November | 92 | 129 | 90 | 57 | 100 | 81 | 122 | 138 |
| December | 164 | 160 | 141 | 132 | 59 | 123 | 101 | 130 |
| 1945— | | | | | | | | |
| January | 128 | 65 | 125 | 160 | 145 | 149 | 192 | 91 |
| February | 251 | 146 | 118 | 158 | 96 | 89 | 266 | 164 |
| March | 34 | 70 | 88 | 41 | 86 | 61 | 51 | 223 |
| April | 22 | 32 | 12 | 23 | 15 | 24 | 27 | 51 |
| May | 52 | 67 | 57 | 44 | 48 | 33 | 42 | 58 |
| June | 125 | 110 | 68 | 62 | 61 | 45 | 70 | 99 |
| July | 77 | 90 | 70 | 49 | 44 | 58 | 33 | 100 |
| August | 167 | 146 | 148 | 143 | 160 | 160 | 153 | 152 |
| September | 83 | 74 | 83 | 34 | 61 | 111 | 55 | 129 |
| October | 58 | 178 | 67 | 36 | 68 | 61 | 46 | 135 |

(a) Normal rainfall for each month (represented by 100) is the average since records were first taken (i.e., since about 1905 for all districts).

SEASONAL CONDITIONS—TASMANIA.

Although rainfall during October was above average in the King Island and West Coast districts, serious deficiencies continued in the remaining parts of the State. Crops are making fair to good growth in the North, in parts of the South-East, and in the northern section of the East Coast division, but elsewhere good rains are essential for the recovery of the early crops and the success of the late sown ones. Strong winds were very prevalent over most of the State. In the *North and North-West* crops generally are making good growth, but rain is required for some late sown crops. Slight frost damage to stone fruit was reported. Pastures are growing well while stock are in improving to good condition. Crops in the northern portion of the *East-Coast* section are making fair growth, but in the south are backward due to lack of rain. The stock position is mainly fair, but some are losing condition. Shearing has commenced in places. Pastures are late and unsatisfactory and seasonal prospects on the whole are poor. In the *South-East* some crops are growing well while others are backward. The apple and pear crops are good. Stock in the south of this section are in good condition as a result of the good pastures, but in the north are in low to improving condition only. Rain is needed in parts. The *Midland* division is experiencing a very bad season. Crops are backward and some are beyond recovery. Pastures are very short, with stock in poor to fair condition. The water supply is rather low. The *Derwent Valley* crops are making little growth, while pastures, though growing well in places, are mostly rather poor. Stock are generally in fair condition, with the water supply meeting requirements. The seasonal outlook is variable in this division.

REHABILITATION—TASMANIA.

| Period. | Placement in Industry of Discharged Males. | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Dairying. | Other Rural. | Food Factories. | Other Factories. | Building and Construction. | Transport and Com- munication. | Commerce and Finance. | Other Industries. | Industry not Applicable. (a) | Total Discharged. |
| 1945— | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 6 | 28 | 4 | 29 | 15 | 21 | 30 | 17 | 60 | 210 |
| July | 4 | 23 | 4 | 40 | 36 | 23 | 42 | 25 | 40 | 237 |
| August | 6 | 28 | 10 | 64 | 48 | 27 | 54 | 59 | 51 | 347 |
| September | 3 | 59 | 17 | 82 | 84 | 57 | 88 | 64 | 137 | 591 |
| June to Sept. | 19 | 138 | 35 | 215 | 183 | 128 | 214 | 165 | 288 | 1,385 |

(a) Mainly entering full-time industrial training or deferring immediate placement at own request.

NOTE.—The following females also were discharged—June 16; July 24; August 28; September 47.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

VITAL STATISTICS.

| Period. | Estimated Population at end of Period. | Number. | | | | Rate per 1000 Mean Population. | | | Infant Mortality. Rate per 1000 Births. |
|-------------|--|---------|-------------|------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|--|
| | | Births. | Deaths (b). | Marriages. | Infant Deaths. | Births. | Deaths (b). | Marriages. | |
| 1921 | 218,676 | 5,755 | 2,197 | 1,668 | 451 | 26.97 | 10.30 | 7.82 | 78.4 |
| 1927 | 219,151 | 4,833 | 2,033 | 1,432 | 256 | 22.68 | 9.54 | 6.72 | 53.0 |
| 1933 | 232,110 | 4,553 | 2,192 | 1,629 | 187 | 19.93 | 9.60 | 7.13 | 41.1 |
| 1939 | 242,422 | 5,004 | 2,426 | 2,264 | 203 | 21.03 | 10.19 | 9.51 | 40.6 |
| 1940 | 243,057 | 4,994 | 2,387 | 2,476 | 176 | 20.90 | 9.99 | 10.36 | 35.2 |
| 1941 | 241,171 | 5,206 | 2,575 | 2,150 | 255 | 21.74 | 10.76 | 8.98 | 49.0 |
| 1942 | 241,437 | 5,305 | 2,430 | 2,431 | 224 | 22.09 | 10.12 | 10.12 | 42.2 |
| 1943 | (a) 244,056 | 5,597 | 2,527 | 2,102 | 226 | 23.17 | 10.46 | 8.70 | 40.4 |
| 1944 | (a) 246,559 | 5,200 | 2,494 | 1,935 | 199 | 21.19 | 10.16 | 7.88 | 38.3 |
| 1944— | | | | | | | | | |
| First Qtr. | (a) 244,866 | 1,387 | 534 | 406 | 45 | 22.68 | 8.73 | 6.64 | 32.4 |
| Second Qtr. | (a) 245,434 | 1,218 | 627 | 559 | 48 | 19.92 | 10.25 | 9.14 | 39.4 |
| Third Qtr. | (a) 245,876 | 1,288 | 742 | 509 | 60 | 21.06 | 12.13 | 8.32 | 46.6 |
| Fourth Qtr. | (a) 246,559 | 1,307 | 591 | 461 | 46 | 21.37 | 9.66 | 7.54 | 35.2 |
| 1945— | | | | | | | | | |
| First Qtr. | (a) 247,379 | 1,459 | 598 | 471 | 41 | 23.66 | 9.70 | 7.64 | 28.1 |
| Second Qtr. | (c) | 1,472 | 573 | 436 | 33 | 23.87 | 9.29 | 7.07 | 22.4 |

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Civilians only.

(c) Not available.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES—TASMANIA.

(Producer and Consumer Societies.)

| Particulars. | 1938-39. | 1941-42. | 1942-43. | 1943-44. |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of societies | 14 | 13 | 13 | 13 |
| Number of branches | 21 | 20 | 22 | 19 |
| Number of members | 8,562 | 9,194 | 9,331 | 9,579 |
| Gross turnover (sales) | £ 651,566 | £ 749,526 | £ 835,290 | £ 955,817 |
| Other income | £ 22,460 | £ 31,593 | £ 43,521 | £ 43,383 |
| Total income | £ 674,026 | £ 781,119 | £ 878,811 | £ 999,200 |
| Total purchases during year | £ 505,354 | £ 560,703 | £ 604,367 | £ 691,850 |
| Other expenditure | £ 102,170 | £ 156,030 | £ 200,838 | £ 276,839 |
| Total expenditure | £ 607,524 | £ 716,733 | £ 805,205 | £ 968,689 |
| Rebates and bonuses | £ 5,478 | £ 6,613 | £ 4,128 | £ 5,718 |
| Dividends on share capital | £ 3,429 | £ 3,752 | £ 4,269 | £ 4,947 |